Mandarin (Jacksonville), Florida, First meeting has been called for November 14, 1956.
NOTE: National Officers will be present at the above two meetings to assist the local chapters in any way possible with the organization.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Tropical Hibiscus Chapter, B. B. Kersey, Chairman, 13275 N. E. 6th Avenue, North Miami, Florida. The first meeting of this group was held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. William Marsh, on July 6, 1956 at which time Mr. Kersey was elected Chapter Chairman. Mr. Parnell, our President, presented the gavel to Mr. Kersey and installed the chapter at the second meeting on July 13, 1956.

The third meeting of the Tropical Hibiscus Chapter was held on August 23, 1956, This meeting included a covered dish supper and a very interesting program including the showing of colored slides of hibiscus, projected by Clifton Johnson and narrated by W. Bruce Parnell.

North Florida Chapter, Mrs. Stanley Radford, Chairman, 2663 Holly Point Road, Orange Park, Florida. The first meeting was held and the chapter founded September 22, 1956 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Radford on the banks of the beautiful St. Johns River.

At our first meeting we were honored with the presence of our National President, W. Bruce Parnell and Mrs. Parnell as well as Mrs. Calais, Executive Secretary.

Our second meeting was held on October 7th and officers of the chapter were elected (installation ceremony will be later). As of this meeting our membership numbered thirty three (33) and the prospects for many more are bright. The highlight of this meeting was a discussion of the methods of hybridizing, given by one of our members, Mrs. John Sparkman.

Halifax Chapter, John W. Hogg III, Chairman, 519 Francis Terrace, Daytona Beach, Florida. We now have more than fifty members in our chapter, all enthusiastic hibiscus growers.

Monthly meetings are held on Sunday afternoons with a covered dish supper. General classes have been given in judging of hibiscus in order to qualify members of the chapter as Junior Judges. Five have already qualified and will receive their certificates at an early date. It is hoped that many Junior Judges will get sufficient credits during the coming spring and summer hibiscus shows to qualify and receive their certificates as Accredited Judges.

Louisiana Chapter, H. S. Moles, 432 Richland, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who has the distinction of being the first member of the American Hibiscus Society in the state of Louisiana, is the Chapter Chairman.

In a recent letter received from Mr. Moles, he states that he has spoken at ten Garden Club Meetings this year.